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**NUS, NTU named best unis in Asia in global ranking**

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After NUS and NTU, the highest-ranked Asian universities on the chart are China’s Tsinghua and Peking universities, placed 17th and 20th, respectively.

NTU has continued to rise through the global university rankings, moving up 29 places on the QS list since 2012.

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**World’s top 20 universities**

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